Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claim 76 and amend claims 43, 78, 84 and 85 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1-42. (Cancelled)

43. (Currently Amended) A method of passivating a multilayer conductive structure, comprising:

layering a first conductive material;

introducing said first conductive material to ~~a material selected from the group consisting of diborane, phosphine,~~ methylsilane[[,]]; ~~and various combinations thereof;~~

applying electromagnetic energy to the material introduced to the first conductive material; and

layering a second conductive material over said first conductive material.

44. (Previously Presented) The method in claim 43, wherein said step of applying electromagnetic energy to the material introduced to the first conductive material comprises directing ultraviolet light toward the material introduced to the first conductive material.

45-77. (Cancelled)

78. (Currently Amended) A method of passivating a multilayer conductive structure, comprising:

layering a first conductive material;

introducing the first conductive material to ~~a material selected from the group consisting of diborane, phosphine,~~ methylsilane[[,]]; ~~and various combinations thereof;~~ and

layering a second conductive material over the first conductive material.

79-80. (Cancelled)

81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 78, further comprising applying electromagnetic energy to the material introduced to the first conductive material.

82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 81, wherein applying electromagnetic energy to the material comprises applying radio frequency (RF) energy at a power level ranging from approximately about 50 watts and approximately about 1000 watts.

83. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 81, wherein applying electromagnetic energy to the material comprises applying ultraviolet energy at a power level ranging from approximately about 50 watts and approximately about 3000 watts.

84. (Currently Amended) The method in claim [[76]] 78, wherein applying electromagnetic energy to the material comprises comprises directing ultraviolet light toward the material introduced to the first conductive material.

85. (Currently Amended) The method in claim [[76]] 78, wherein applying electromagnetic energy to the material comprises comprises directing radio frequency (RF) energy toward the material introduced to the first conductive material.